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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR YOUNG VISIT TO KHARTOUM: ISSUES OF INTEREST
TO SUDANESE LEADERS

SUMMARY: SUDANESE LEADERS CAN BE EXPECTED FOCUS THEIR
ATTENTION DURING AMBASSADOR YOUNG VISIT HERE ON COMMUNIST
ADVANCES IN AFRICA, PARTICULARLY IN ETHIOPIA AND RELATED
ISSUE OF RED SEA SECURITY. ALSO LIKELY THEY WILL WISH
DISCUSS MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. SUDANESE WOULD APPRECIATE HIGH
LEVEL US VIEWS ON IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES AND
PROBABLY WILL PRESS FOR ADDITIONAL US ARMS AND FASTER
IMPLEMENTATION US ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESIDENT NIMEIRI AND HIS TOP ADVISORS PRESENTLY
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PRECOCUPED WITH SECURITY PROBLEMS WHICH THEY SEE RESULTING
FROM UNHOLY LIBYAN/ETHIOPIAN/SOVIET ALLIANCE. RELATIONS
WITH LIBYA WERE BROKEN LAST SUMMER AFTER JULY COUP ATTEMPT
WHICH LIBYA SUPPORTED. SINCE LAST DECEMBER RELATIONS WITH
ETHIOPIA HAVE BEEN STRAINED THROUGH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS
CONTINUE. EACH COUNTRY SEES OTHER AS BACKING ITS DOMESTIC
OPPONENTS AND ALLIED TO ITS FOREIGN ADVERSARIES.

2. SUDANESE LEADERS SEE SOVIETS BEHIND LIBYA AND ETHIOPIA AND INDEED THEY QUITE CONCERNED OVER SOVIET EFFORTS IN AFRICA STRETCHING FROM HORN THROUGH ZAIRE TO ANGOLA. RELATIONS WITH SOVIETS HAVE DETERIORATED TO POINT WHERE IN PAST FEW DAYS IT EVIDENT SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS BEING MADE LEAVE COUNTRY.

3. WE EXPECT NIMEIRI TO URGE US PLAY MORE ASSERTIVE ROLE AGAINST SOVIET PENETRATION OF AFRICA AND CONCOMITANT RADICALIZATION OF MUCH OF CONTINENT. EXPECT OPINIONS EXPRESSED HERE WILL BE SIMILAR TO THOSE MADE LAST WEEK TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG BY HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY AND BY KING HASSAN OF MOROCCO (MAY 16, NEWSWEEK INTERNATIONAL). CONCERN OVER HORN AND SOVIET ACTIVITIES IN AFRICA ARE MORE IMPORTANT TO SUDANESE THAN SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES, ALTHOUGH THEY ALSO INTERESTED IN RHODESIA, NAMIBIA AND SOUTH AFRICAN PROBLEMS.

4. CLOSELY RELATED TO THESE ISSUES IS SUDANESE CONCERN OVER RED SEA SECURITY, ALTHOUGH HERE FOREIGN MINISTER KHALID HAS STRESSED SUDANESE DESIRE KEEP RED SEA CLEAR OF ALL SUPERPOWER RIVALRIES INCLUDING BASES AND NUCLEAR DEPLOYMENTS. IN MAJOR SPEECH HERE LAST WEEK KHALID NOTED STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE RED SEA TO SUDAN AND TO INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY GENERALLY AS MAJOR OIL TANKER ARTERY AND LINK BETWEEN MEDITERRANEAN AND INDIAN OCEAN. REAL CONCERN OF SUDAN, WHICH MAY BE SHARED BY EGYPT AND SAUDI ARABIA, IS USE OF RED SEA BY ISRAEL, ETHIOPIA AND/OR USSR IN MANNER INIMICAL TO ITS OWN IMPORTANT INTERESTS.

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5. SUDAN AS ARAB COUNTRY AND MORE ESPECIALLY AS CLOSE ALLY OF EGYPT, SYRIA AND SAUDI ARABIA INTERESTED IN MIDDLE EAST ISSUES. LAST JUNE NIMEIRI DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF HIS TIME WITH PRESIDENT FORD ON MIDDLE EAST ISSUES.

6. SUDANESE LEADERS WILL WISH KNOW LATEST HIGH LEVEL VIEWS ON MAJOR ARAB AND AFRICAN ISSUES AS WELL AS THOSE OF BROADER SIGNIFICANCE. MEETINGS OF COURSE WILL PROVIDE AMBASSADOR YOUNG OPPORTUNITY CONVEY OUR OPINIONS ON SUCH ISSUES AS HUMAN RIGHTS TO TOP LEVEL SUDANESE LEADERSHIP.

7. RE BILATERAL ISSUES, BELIEVE NIMEIRI WILL EXPRESS OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH CURRENT STATE US-SUDAN RELATIONS. HE MAY SEEK ASSURANCES RE POSSIBLE FUTURE US ARMS SALES AND MAY ALSO PUSH FOR FASTER IMPLEMENTATION US AID PROGRAMS HERE. ONE POSSIBLE NEW SUBJECT SUDANESE MAY RAISE IS REQUEST FOR GREATER INTERNATIONAL SUPPORT IN COPING WITH ETHIOPIAN REFUGEE PROBLEM. WITH OVER 200,000 ETHIOPIANS

IN SUDAN AND NUMBER RAPIDLY INCREASING, THIS BECOMING
LARGE PROBLEM WHICH SUDANESE HAVING DIFFICULTY HANDLING
DESPITE UNHCR ASSISTANCE. BOGOSIAN

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